

REMARKS

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that claims 2-12 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 2. Claim 8-10 have been rewritten into independent claims. Thus, the Applicants believe that claims 1 and 8-10 should now be allowed. Claim 2 has been canceled to avoid duplicity. Claims 3-7 should also be allowed, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1. The term "moveably" has been corrected to "movably" throughout the claims.

Upon amendment, this application will have 5 independent claims (claims 1, 8-10 and 13) and 19 total claims (claims 1 and 3-20). Enclosed please find a form and fee for excess claims.

Disagreement matter of record

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller et al. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection and wish to make their disagreement a matter of record. The Applicants believe that Miller et al. does not show all limitations of claim 1, for example, "a first latch, movably disposed at the chassis, for detachably engaging the pan so that the pan combines with the chassis".

However, being desirous to conserve time and funds, the Applicants agree to adopt the Examiner's recommendations. The Applicants understand that claims 2-12 will be allowed if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Applicants have attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicants understand them. The Applicants believe that the Application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcai@ladasparry.com.

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